

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-32 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 6, 9, and 18 are the independent claims. Claims 1, 2, and 4-8 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 9-32 have been indicated as allowable and are not amended by the present Amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 9-32 should remain allowed.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant expresses his gratitude to the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's undersigned representative during the personal interview conducted on April 11, 2006. During the interview, Applicant's disclosure, the cited art, and the claimed invention were discussed. Also, agreement was reached that differences between the cited art and the Applicant's disclosure exist. It was also agreed that claim amendments consistent with those presented in the present Amendment patentably define over the cited art.

TRAVERSAL

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0093599 (Lou et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 6 recites, inter alia, a display apparatus, usable in a system including a plurality of universal serial bus (USB) systems sharing one display device, a first group of USB devices connected to the display device and sharable by the USB systems, and a second group of sharable USB devices directly connected to one of the plurality of USB systems.

Independent claim 1 corresponds generally to independent claim 6 and recites similar features in method form.

By the aforementioned recitations, a group of USB devices is directly connected to one of the USB systems. In contrast, Lou et al. does not disclose at least this feature.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 1 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. However, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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